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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 30. AMY, German str., 814. L. Kohler, Shanghai 27th August, General—S. M. SEN & Co.

August 31. TITAN, British steamer, 1,000. R. J. Brown, Liverpool 20th July, and Singapore 23rd August, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

August 31. TRIUMPH, German str., 674. P. Moes Whampoa 31st August, General—WIELER & Co.

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August 31. SOOCHEW, British steamer, 329. Melrose, Pakhoi 28th August, and Hoihow 29th, General—CHINESE.

August 31. MARIE, German steamer, 704. C. A. Handasyd, Haiphong 29th August, Rio—A. R. MARTY.

August 31. JOHANN, German steamer, 423. H. Bings, Pakhoi 28th August, and Hoihow 29th, General—WIELER & Co.

September 1. FIDELIO, German steamer, 853. H. Brotzen, Del 23rd August, General—MILCHER & Co.

September 1. ALMIRANTE BARREIRO, Brazilian corvette, Custodio Jose de Melo, Shanghai 27th August.

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September 1. FORMOSA, British steamer, 674. T. Hall, Keelung 30th August, Coal—DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & Co.

September 1. NARZING, British steamer, 806. B. Thomas, Manila 29th August, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

September 1. CYDNE, British steamer, 1,193. J. L. Parfitt, R.N.R. Bowring 15th August, and Singapore 27th, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

September 1. ARRATON APOA, British str., 1,392. J. G. Olifert, Calcutta 16th August, Penang 24th, and Singapore 27th, Opium and General—D. SASSON & Co.

September 1. KENT, British steamer, 1,623. F. Johnson, Kobe 25th August, General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

SAT AUGUST.

Proprietary, British str., for Kuchingtau.

Diamond, British str., for Manila.

Titan, British str., for Amoy.

Fokker, British str., for Swatow.

Glenly, British str., for Shanghai.

Yangtze, German str., for Shanghai.

Nicaragua, German str., for Saigon.

Falkenberg, German str., for Saigon.

Triumph, German str., for Chefoo.

Hideochi, Muru, Jap. str., for Port Coburg.

Activ, Danish str., for Hoihow.

Erie, German str., for Pakhoi.

Schlesie, British str., for Hoihow.

ARRIVED.

Per Tides, str., from Liverpool, &c.—91 China.

Per Amoy, str., from Shanghai—Mr. W. G. Hantes, and 50 Chines.

Per Namoo, str., from East Coast—Miss Miles, Miss Angell, Mr. Jenkins, one Sister of Charity, and 150 Chines.

Per Souchow, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—28 Chines.

Per Fideli, str., from Deli—12 Chines.

Per Maru, str., from Haiphong—22 Chines.

Per Joham, str., from Pakhoi—21 Chines.

Per Nonosa, str., from Manila—23 Chines.

Per Formosa, str., from Kedung—Mr. T. Lepak, and 2 Chines.

Per Clyde, str., for Hongkong—From Bon-hay, 10. S. & S. Servant. From Penang—Misses J. Kitch and S. W. Scott and servant. Hudson, and S. Lee Num, and 31 Chinese chins. From Singapore—Misses C. E. Higmore, F. Hoffman, and Clr. G. Guan, for Manila—Mr. H. C. Hottham.

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Per Taylor, str., for Shanghai—From London—Mr. F. Harvey, from Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. Dugdale, infant and amb. For Higo—From London—Mr. Franklin, for Yokohama.

From London—Miss Carpenter and J. R. Scott. From Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. Olifert, Mrs. Lay, Major Wallerstein, Misses East and Obada, Misses Addis and B. N. Ellis, and 6 servants, and 231 Chines.

REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer *Don Juan*, from Manila 29th August, reports bad fine and smooth with moderate S.W. winds and squalls.

The British steamer *Koochow*, from Pakhoi 28th August, and Hoihow 30th, reports had fine and clear weather throughout.

The British steamer *Titan*, from Liverpool 20th July, and Singapore 24th August, reports had fine and clear weather throughout.

The British steamer *Massing*, from Manila 29th August, reports had moderate S.W. winds and fine weather, moderate sea throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Arraton*, Apoor, from Calcutta 16th August, Penang 24th, and Singapore 27th, reports in Bay of Bengal, fresh S.W. monsoon, in China sea very fine S.W. monsoon.

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INTIMATIONS.

THE STANDARD.

A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 63 YEARS STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST OF THE PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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September 1. CABINET MAKERS, UPHOLSTERERS, and GENERAL HOUSE FURNISHERS.

September 1. CURTAINS, HOUSEHOLD LINENS, BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS, BEDDING, CHINA, CROCKERY, and GLASS WARE.

September 1. THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

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September 1. THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OP. CO., LTD.

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The British steamer *Fornax*, from Keeling 27th August, reports from Keeling to Chong-Island had light variable winds and rain with smooth sea. From Chong-Island to Timbuktu moderate W.S.W. winds and clear weather.

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NOTICE.

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2.—Summes less than \$1, or more than \$250, one month will not be received.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 4 per cent. interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balance.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, and should send them to be written up at least twice a week.

6.—Correspondence with the business of the Bank is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal appearance of the Depositor or his duly authorized Agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

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C. M. ROBERTS, Manager, Hongkong, 28th August, 1888.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1889.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1889. 11-10

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A SHAREHOLDER.—Received too late for insertion in this issue.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor" and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good worth.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

TELEPHONE NO. 12.

SIXTH.

On the 31st July, at Mount Anian, Anian, Sootland, the wife of JOHN BELL-LEWIS, of a son. [1890]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1889.

A CORRESPONDENT in another column makes a well founded complaint as to the state of the law in this colony. On the 12th August, 1882, a Commission was appointed "to prepare and report upon drafts for a revised edition of the Ordinances, and for amendments of the same, incorporating the results of such recent Imperial legislation as appears applicable to the circumstances of the Colony, and providing for improved procedure in the administration of Justice." For more than seven years this Commission has been in existence, and what has it done? We cannot say that it has done nothing, for a few Ordinances have been passed on its recommendation consolidating and amending the law on particular subjects. Its work, however, has been of a very fragmentary and spasmodic character; at the end of seven years' labour a complaint like that of "A Law Student" still remains possible, and at the present rate of progress seven years will not see the end of the work the Commission was appointed to do.

As to remedies for the existing chaotic condition of the local law, "A Law Student" says there are only two alternatives. The first is to thoroughly revise the Ordinances and to fill up some of the most noticeable gaps. The initial step towards this, he says, would seem to be to have a complete edition of the Ordinances, as large, and a useful revision would then require a considerable amount of diligent and skilful work. He suggests the question, however, whether the materials to work on are good enough to make such a revision worth undertaking. The second alternative, which our correspondent considers perhaps the better one, is to abolish the local Ordinances (with very few exceptions) in toto, and introduce into this colony the English law as it at present exists so far as it can be made applicable. This second alternative is certainly not the one we should advocate. The law passed in Hongkong since 1843 embody the results of practical experience of the requirements of the colony. To sweep them away in the drastic manner proposed by "A Law Student" would involve a serious sacrifice, and the legislature would immediately have to set about doing a great deal of the work over again. When a colony is established necessarily the law of the mother country in existence at the time must be taken as the basis on which local law is afterwards built up. There must be some point of time at which the branching

off takes place, after which the local legislature can incorporate just so much of English law as it may deem necessary in its own legislation. After a long term of years to make a clean sweep of all local legislation and adopt English law as a whole up to that time would be a very hazardous experiment. Our correspondent speaks of Shanghai and Japan as being far ahead of Hongkong in enjoying the advantages of recent English legislation. But in the case of the Port English law is applied only to native born British subjects, whereas in Hongkong there is a large native population to be governed, and an independent legislature is an absolute necessity if local wants and conditions are to be duly considered. It is perhaps a disgrace to the Government that so little of recent English law should have been adopted in this colony, but on the other hand there are many recently passed English laws which are altogether inapplicable to the circumstances here. The fact that our local legislature has its shortcomings is no sufficient argument for impugning its right of existence.

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The *Press* says that the sale of the *Times* in Hongkong, *Post & Co.*'s *Advertiser*, *London*, *22nd August*. DISMISSAL OF BOULANGISTS. One hundred and two Boulangists, officers of the Army, have been cashiered and otherwise punished.

SEIZURE OF BETHING SEA SEALERS. A United States steamer has seized two British sealers, the *Bething Sea* and her brother and searched others.

LONDON, 23rd August. THE MAIL STEAMERS AND THE STRIKE.

In consequence of the strike, the departure of the P. & O. steamers *Keddie* and *Messilina*, which were to have left London yesterday and to call at Canton and Australia respectively, has been postponed indefinitely.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF LARUAN. The British Government has asked the British North Borneo Company to undertake the administration of Laruan, which however will remain a Crown Colony, and is not to be leased to the Company.

LONDON, 24th August. EXTENSION OF THE LONDON STRIKE.

Four thousand lightermen have joined the strike, and there are now over thousand vessels lying idle in the port of London.

A massive procession of 40,000 strikers paraded the City on Friday. The men were orderly, but a strong body of foot and mounted police escorted the procession.

(HAYAS TELEGRAMS.) PARIS, 24th August. THE SHAH IN AUSTRIA.

The Shah of Persia has arrived at Vienna.

PARIS, 25th August. FINANCIAL CRISIS IN ITALY.

A financial crisis has occurred in Italy. A credit bank, the *Banque d'Escompte*, has closed its doors.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A sharp competition at 700 yards, ten shots, took place on Saturday, the 1st August, and Captain Ramsey, R.N., topped the list with a score of 42 plouts—a very popular win. The wind was rather tricky for good shooting. The following is the score:

SCORES. TOTAL.
(Capt. Ramsey, R.N.) 55/63/285 42
(Mr. F. Collier) 55/63/285 42
(Lieut. Carlyle, R.A.) 53/34/245 39
(Major MacLean, R.A.) 52/35/252 39
(W. D. Headwood) 50/42/253 38
(G. C. G. 50/42/253 38
(Mr. E. Woolin) 50/42/253 38
(D. M. McLennan, F.C.) 53/49/244 38
(Mr. A. Shattock) 52/53/253 38
(Mr. M. Shrank) 40/52/242 38
(Mr. J. Anderson) 40/53/253 38

A COLONIAL CAREER.

HONGKONG AND ITS FUTURE. BY ONE OF ITS MAKERS. AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HON. C. P. CHATER.

[By arrangement with the writer.]

On the 1st of April, 1862, a young man from Calcutta landed in Hongkong. He had a clear head, a sound body and a good heart, but circumstances had been less kind to him than nature and he had his fortune to seek. So he became a clerk in the Bank of Hindostan at a salary of sixty dollars a month. That was a quarter of a century ago. To-day, the Bank of Hindostan has long been forgotten. Hongkong has been transformed, and that young man has been chiefly instrumental in transforming it. The sixty dollars have grown to millions and the unknown bank clerk has become the Honourable C. P. Chater, the most influential man in the commercial empire of Great Britain in the Far East. The launch, which has been constructed to order, for use in Whidbeystock harbour, has been built by Japanese and engine by the Nitro Bishi Engine Works. She is 40 ft. long, is decked over, has a small cabin, and is fitted with two masts in case she should run short of fuel. She took about three tons of coal sufficient for about four days' steaming, and is bound for Hongkong. Fusan, and other places on the way, for tea and supplies. Weather permitting, it was expected she would arrive at her destination in about ten days.

Referring to the proposal to raise another Volunteer force here the Admiralty and Home Guards General said: "Putting the company to work will be difficult, we think, to carefully consider the terms upon which man should be asked to join. Of course, in a commercial centre like Hongkong, the majority have not the time to devote more time and attention to his official duties than has hitherto been the case, and the consolidation of the Ordinances is a subject he might fairly be required to give attention to as early as possible, such reasonable assistance as is necessary being of course afforded him, for the work would be done by no means light. It is obviously needless to rely upon the Law Revision Commission.

The *Times* says that the *Mississippi* (Capt. James D. McAllister) has been sent to the Atlantic ocean to hunt recently for the *Abuantes Barrow*, which was last seen on the 27th ult., will probably be set on the *Indostan* line to replace the *Abuantes* lost in Aden harbour. The *Abuantes* is a larger ship than the *Abuantes*, being of 3,666 tons burthen and 2,400 horse power.

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SUNDAY WORK IN THE EASTERN COLONIES.

The following circular has been issued by the Acting Colonial Secretary at Singapore to the directors of companies and heads of firms:

Sir.—I am directed to request you to bring under the consideration of the Directors of your Company the subject of Sunday Labor on the part of European and American seamen in this Port. It is the desire of the Governor's attention has been recently drawn to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and its importance will readily be admitted on all sides.

2.—It is, His Excellency believes, the usual practice in all British Ports where Customs are established to prohibit the loading and unloading of all vessels on Sunday, except under very special circumstances. Happily in this Colony there are no Customs, and the law is to the effect that as one of the results of this, a perceptible advantage Europeans and Americans have at the Docks and Wharves in vessels of Office and abroad. Vessels in the Port, should be prevented from taking rest from their work on Sunday.

3.—It can be readily understood that, at certain times and under certain circumstances, work required in the Merchant Marine must be performed on Sunday, and this is only necessary on the part of those who are in their power to put a stop to Sunday labor at the rate, a large measure of relief will be secured to a hard-working class of men. With the object of trying to gain that unanimity this communication is addressed to you and to all companies interested. Shipping, and His Excellency feels sure that the question will meet with that full consideration which it so thoroughly well deserves.

THE RAWING COLLAPSE.

Five months ago the price of Rawang shares was \$100 per share, to-day, says the *Advertiser*, Times of the 27th August, the shares are absolutely unsaleable at any figure. The first named price was quite unfeasible, but the fall was low, and from \$50 down to \$20, many people bought on calculations that were apparently sound and trustworthy. The only defect of calculations was their basis. They were based on statements made by Mr. John Muir, or by directors or managers informed by Mr. John Muir. The company was at height early in March, when Mr. W. C. Smith offered \$800,000 for the mine. It was far too high a price certainly, but it was based on the assurance that during the new year current price would produce 7,000 pounds of pure tin, or at the very least 6,000; and deducting the estimated expenses from the estimated yield, Mr. Smith saw a net revenue of about \$90,000. Further, it was agreed that to proportionately increase such profits, as would increase the number of men, and the calculations were that 1,400 men you can get 7,000 pounds and \$90,000 of profit, what can you get with 5,000 men? The answer would be "enormous dividends." Fortunately, because to have planted such an uncertain in such a price in the Hongkong market would have been a fatal mistake, and we believe a grief to Mr. Smith, who, with all his misfortunes, is an honest man. In the end of the comedy we find the shares steadily falling back to a level calculated on the assumption that the Rawang mine was at all events a good sound dividend-earning property, hampered indeed by injudicious "advances" to the men, but with an active prospective meant to write them down. And in this state we have Mr. Muir going off to India, and the Directors, by a vote of 100 to 1,000, that the end of the half-year would bring out \$100,000, or at the least \$90,000 worth of tin, which corresponds pretty closely to the earlier forecast of 7,000 pounds for the year. And so Mr. Muir sailed away for his long-earned holiday, and while he is on the seas the Company's drafts are refused by its bankers, the whole account capital is called in, and the shares are quoted at a much lower price. A future is a general meeting of the shareholders called for Saturday, and as presumably there will be explanations and, perhaps, questions, we refer in the meantime from any comment on the proceedings which have brought a affair to this pass. But we know that the utter commercial failure of this vaunted mine will be a sore blow to the development of the peninsula by European capital, and a skin!

The position of matters at Rawang we believe to be this: Mr. Muir, during the half-year, and till the last, assured his directors and others that the output of tin for the half-year would be to the value of \$100,000, or at the very least \$90,000, and the advances to miners were not made on that assumption. But the output of tin is only \$60,000. Now, after deducting the advances, the net value of the mine is about \$15,000, and that such ought to be treated as a bad debt and placed against the nominal value of the keeper's profits, which probably are somewhere about that amount. But in suggesting \$15,000 as the amount over-advanced, we probably underestimate. We believe that the amount is enormously larger.

It is difficult to be sure whether that if the Chinese miners cannot work enough to cover the advances treated as an asset six months ago are recoverable, and therefore the half-year's paid-up capital of the Company is lost. That probably is why the directors have called up all the un-paid-up capital and have summoned a meeting to discuss the position of the Company.

EXPECTED RUSSIAN ATTACK ON ERZURUM. LONDON, 13th August.

A telegram from the Berlin correspondent of *The Times* says that a sudden Russian attack on Erzurum is expected, under the protest of the Turkish Government that the end of the half-year would bring out \$100,000, or at the least \$90,000 worth of tin, which corresponds pretty closely to the earlier forecast of 7,000 pounds for the year. And so Mr. Muir sailed away for his long-earned holiday, and while he is on the seas the Company's drafts are refused by its bankers, the whole account capital is called in, and the shares are quoted at a much lower price. A future is a general meeting of the shareholders called for Saturday, and as presumably there will be explanations and, perhaps, questions, we refer in the meantime from any comment on the proceedings which have brought a affair to this pass. But we know that the utter commercial failure of this vaunted mine will be a sore blow to the development of the peninsula by European capital, and a skin!

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LAW ACTION AGAINST AN INDIAN NEWSPAPER. LONDON, 15th August.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, M.P., is initiating proceedings for libel against a newspaper unnamed for accusing him of dishonesty.

Mr. Gladstone, M.P., has received a communication from the Chinese minister, and the Company's percentage for management and machinery the Chinese miners can work is deducted with 55 per cent. of the output, which in this case would be about \$35,000. But if it is true that between 1,500 and 1,400 men are at work all the half-year, then the advances to those, if taken at 6 dollars a month, would be to about \$48,000. The amount over-advanced will then be about \$15,000, and that such ought to be treated as a bad debt and placed against the nominal value of the keeper's profits, which probably are somewhere about that amount. But in suggesting \$15,000 as the amount over-advanced, we probably underestimate. We believe that the amount is enormously larger.

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The local Chamber of Commerce is sending a strong protest to Government on behalf of the commercial community against the proposed change of the Bombay mail day from Friday to Sunday.

INTERPRETATION OF THE MERCHANTILES MARKS ACT. BOMBAY, 8th August.

The Government of India has directed that a less strict interpretation be given to the wording of the Merchantiles Marks Act until sufficient time has elapsed for the new rules to be properly understood.

PAUSE PROTEST AGAINST MR. OMMAHAY'S SUCCESSION. BOMBAY, 9th August.

A regulation signed by about 600 representatives of the Parsee community, including three high priests, was sent yesterday to Sir George Jubb, and other trustees of Parsee public funds, to convey a public meeting to protest against Mr. Ommanay's note libelling the Parsees.

THE ENGLISH MAIL. LONDON, 10th August.

The P. & O. steamer *Clyde*, with the English mail of the 2nd inst., arrived here yesterday evening. The following telegrams are taken from Ceylon and India papers:

THE PRINCE OF WALES. LONDON, 10th August.

The Prince of Wales has gone to Bombay, where he is taking the waters.

REBIRTH OF THE CIGARWICH. LONDON, 10th August.

The rebirth of the Cigarwich and the Prince of Montenegro will be shortly announced.

MR. GLADSTONE'S "SUNDAY." LONDON, 10th August.

Mr. Gladstone will shortly set out on a yachting cruise to the Sundern with Lord Brassey. The voyage will be to the Western Highlands of Scotland.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE. LONDON, 10th August.

Mr. Chaplin has accepted the Presidency of the new Board of Agriculture.

MR. STANHOPE'S ARMY SCHEME.

LONDON, 13th August.

The principle of Mr. Stanhope's scheme for reducing the number of General officers is also to be applied to the Indian Staff Corps.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM. PACKETS.
FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE STEAMSHIP

"GLENGLYD,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of
cargo by her and by the S. S. "Lugard's Hill,"
from New York, are hereby informed that their
goods are being landed at their risk into the
godown of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Official cargo will be forwarded unless
order is to the contrary to be given before NOON,
TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 5th
Sept. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Con-
signees are requested to present all claims
for damage and/or shortage not later than
the 12th Sept., otherwise they will not be re-
cognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1888. [1826]

STEAMSHIP "CALEDONIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo from London,
Ex S. S. "Ebre," from Havre, Ex S. S.
"Ebre" and Congo, in connection with above
Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods,
with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and
Valuables, are being landed and stored at
their risk at the Company's Godown, Kowloon,
where delivery may be obtained im-
mediately after landing.

Official cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before 11 A.M. TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), re-
questing it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned, immediately after WEDNES-
DAY, the 4th Sept., at Noon, will be subject to
rent and landing charges at one cent per package
per day.

All claims must be sent to me on or before
the 6th Sept., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1888. [1827]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LYDIA,"
Capt. Peter, has arrived from the above
Ports, and Consignees are requested to
send to the Undersigned for countersign-
ature by the Undersigned and to take imme-
diate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Official cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary is given before NOON, TO-
DAY.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godown of the Kowloon Pier
and Godown Co. and stored at Consignees' risk
and at their own expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 5th Sept. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to
be left in the Godown, where they will be
examined on the 5th Sept., at 4 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1888. [1828]

NOTICE.

OFFICES IN VICTORIA BUILDINGS
TO BE LET WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

Apply to ARTHUR B. RODYK

Hongkong, 4th August, 1888. [1829]

TO BE LET.

MAT HOUSE AT THE PEAK—Im-
mediate Possession.

AN AIRY & WELL-FURNISHED
HOUSE, Possession from 1st Sept.

A PORTION OF "BEACONFIELD ARCADE,"
"BEESEE VILLA," POKEWAN; faces due
to Current Rates.

STEAMER CARGOES discharged on
favourable terms.

Apply to MEIER & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1887. [1834]

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1888. [1830]

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GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE
ASSURANCE COMPANY IN
LONDON.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are pre-
pared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [1831]

TO BE LET.

THE HOUSE NO. 2, "UPPER MOSQUE
TERRACE," Possession on 1st Sept.

Apply to O. V. A.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1888. [1832]

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and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [1833]

TO BE LET.

HOUSE NO. 2, "SMITH'S VILLAS,"
MAGAZINE GAF, A SPACIOUS FIVE
ROOMED HOUSE, with Basement and Out-
houses; excellent view. Expected to be ready
1st August next.

Apply to F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1889. [1837]

TO BE LET.

THE HOUSE NO. 7, "UPPER MOSQUE
TERRACE," Possession on 1st Sept.

Apply to O. V. A.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1888. [1837]

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [1838]

TO BE LET.

THE DWELLING-HOUSE No. 2,
DOUGLAS VILLAS. Possession from 1st
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